

HOUSE RESOLUTION 159

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Jack and Donna Rushing on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body take great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1966, Jack Rushing and Donna Parham were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Rushing have been highly respected citizens of their community for a number of years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, the son of Elbert and Betty Rushing, Jack Rushing was born in Clinton, Kentucky. After starting first grade at Wingo Elementary School, he moved to various places with his family as his father changed churches, living in New Mexico and Chicago, before the Rushings returned to Clinton for Jack's senior year at Wingo High School; and

WHEREAS, it was then that Jack Rushing came to know Donna Parham, daughter of Russell and Era Belle Parham, when he asked her to accompany him on a double date. The date went well, and, by Donna's senior year at Wingo High School in October of 1965, the couple was engaged, with plans to marry in June of 1966 after Donna's graduation; and

WHEREAS, however, the two were so in love that they decided to marry earlier, and the wedding took place on February 19, 1966, at Pryorsburg Baptist Church in Pryorsburg, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rushing began a career in retail management in the mid-seventies in Muhlenburg County, Kentucky, where he managed the clothing department of a store called Uncle Lee's; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-eighties, the Rushings moved to Martin, Tennessee, where Jack Rushing worked at Schwann's for ten years and later at the Weakley County Co-op for eight years, cementing his role as a devoted salesman; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rushing found a calling in service, taking up work watching children in her home and acting as a child caretaker for the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM); she also worked in the kitchen at the Weakley County Nursing Home and at E.W. James and Sons in the bakery as a cashier; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, Tim Rushing and Tammy Provost; and

WHEREAS, the Rushings are also the proud grandparents of Braxton Edwards; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Rushings' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jack and Donna Rushing on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.